



WE ARE THANKFUL FOR YOU!



This is the time of year when we are especially mindful of how important it is to let people know that we are thankful. We want to thank **you** for being part of our ORU community. Thank you for your prayers, and for your financial support. Thank you for everything you do and say to promote ORU and draw new students to our campus. ORU is a special place, and it wouldn't be what it is without you! We also want to say ...

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

We hope that you and your family and friends enjoy the day and take time to reflect on the many blessings that God has bestowed on you.

He is good—all the time!

NEWS

HOMECOMING 2022 WAS PHENOMENAL

It was wonderful to celebrate Homecoming weekend with so many of our alumni, family members, and friends. From Bishop Parnell Lovelace's uplifting chapel message to the Alumni Award honorees who shared their stories at the banquet, we were inspired. At open houses, we connected with faculty members who changed our lives (and sometimes convinced us to change our majors!). During campus tours, we saw the transformation that is taking place at ORU, with so many exciting new buildings going up. Class reunions brought us together with friends who shared those special student years at ORU. And talk about celebrating—the Golden Eagles won their game in fine fashion, defeating a talented John Brown University



team, 95-62. We're already thinking about Homecoming 2023 and hoping you'll be with us for that November 9-11 weekend. Put those dates on your calendar now!



College of Education class in session.

HONORING EDUCATORS

ORU's College of Education received a 2022 Frank Murray Leadership Award for Continuous Improvement. As the name of the award indicates, it is given to providers like the COE that are committed to continuous improvement as they prepare future teachers of students from pre-school through 12th grade. Honorees are also accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation and achieved this accreditation with no stipulations or areas for improvement. Only 32 of the CAEP's 471 educator preparation providers were singled out for recognition this year.

COE HONOR

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Dr. Dean Prentice, Dean of the College of Health Sciences, received the Nightingale Award of Excellence this fall from the Oklahoma Nurses Association. This award honors him for developing unique strategies in the nursing profession and for being a role model of high-quality nursing practice. Dr. Prentice is a 1988 graduate of the Anna Vaughn School of Nursing.



Dr. Prentice received the 2022 Nightingale Award of Excellence.

DR. PRENTICE



GET READY FOR GIVING TUESDAY

This year, Giving Tuesday is November 29. On that day, you'll have the opportunity to support some major projects on the ORU campus, like two new residence halls, a new dining hall, renovations to EMR and Claudius, and Quest scholarships for international students and first-generation students. Get ready!

EVENTS

HALLELUJAH!

"Comfort ye my people." "For unto us a child is born." "I know that my Redeemer liveth." If you've ever been to a performance of Handel's *Messiah*, you'll hear music when you read those words. Now come and hear "For Unto Us ... A Celebration of Handel's Christmas *Messiah*" at ORU on Friday, December 2 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Mabee Center. Performers will include the ORU Concert Choir and Orchestra and instrumentalists from the Tulsa community. Admission



is a new, unwrapped toy for the Salvation Army toy drive. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Enter through the North Lobby. Concessions will be available on the concourse level.

ALUMNI



Nathan Gooden '97

Nathan Gooden '97 is the new Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of Squarespace, Inc.

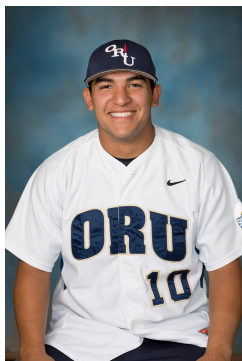
NATHAN

Jessica (Dawson) Kilgore '99, '00-M.A.Ed. is the new assistant principal at Princeton Middle School in Princeton, N.J.

JESSICA



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Jose Trevino (2012-14)

ORU Athletics Hall of Famer **Jose Trevino (2012-14)** has received the aptly named Fielding Bible Award, which honors him for being the top defensive catcher in major league baseball. He also won his first Gold Glove award as the top catcher in the American League. Jose plays for the New York Yankees.

JOSE

ATHLETICS

MEN'S SOCCER ACCOLADES

Forward Felipe D'Agostini, the 2021 Newcomer of the Year in men's soccer, was named the Offensive Player of the Year in the Summit League. Redshirt senior Jeremy Coste was named the Goalkeeper of the Year. In all, five Golden Eagles earned All-League First Team honors. Head coach [Ryan Bush](#) earned Coach of the Year honors for the third time in the last four seasons. The team also won the regular-season championship outright for the first time since 2004.



SOCCER HONORS

HEAD OF THE CLASS

Caleb Green will be the only former ORU athlete honored during Hall of Fame night on Saturday, January 28. As one of the best men's basketball players to ever wear the Golden Eagle uniform, Caleb stands at #3 on ORU's all-time scoring list with 2,503 points. That's just one measure of the impact he had on a team that went to the NIT (2005) and to the NCAA Tournament two years in a row (2006, 2007). Caleb was also a three-time All-American and conference Player of the Year.



CALEB



Max Abmas

MAX-IMUM IMPACT

For the second season in a row, All-American Max Abmas is on the National Association of Basketball Coaches' preseason watch list for the 2023 Division I Player of the Year award. Max has also been named the preseason Summit League Player of the Year. And, he's on the 2023 Bob Cousy Point Guard of the Year Award watch list.

MAX



THE CLERICO TOURNAMENT

Oral Roberts men's golf hosted The Clerico Men's Collegiate Golf Tournament October 24-25 at the Oaks Country Club in Tulsa. The individual champion of the tournament, ORU's Brandon Hoff, earned an exemption to compete in the Compliance Solutions Championship, a new Korn Ferry Tour event scheduled for June 19-25, 2023.

BRANDON

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DID YOU KNOW?



Joe Sims '16

Joe Sims '16 has been named Director of New Student Relations at ORU. [Find out why](#) ORU was *his* top choice when *he* was considering colleges. (Hint: An ORU alum had a lot to do with it!)



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